

Phii Regis, MPS (they/them)



Associate Director

All Children – All Families, Human Rights Campaign Foundation

Mx. Regis serves as Associate Director for the All Children - All Families program at the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). In this capacity they provide technical assistance and LGBTQ inclusion resources to child welfare agencies. In their six years at the organization, they have also led much of HRC's work on mental health in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

Outside of HRC, Mx. Regis has also served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for young people. They have been certified in mental health first aid training and have served as a mental health advocate. Their focus as an advocate has included Queer, Transgender, and BIPOC communities.

Mx. Regis holds a Bachelors in Political Science from Adelphi University and a Master of Professional Studies (MPS) in Political Management from George Washington University.

Aidan Key (he/him)



Founder and Strategic Director, Trans Families

Founder and Director, Gender Diversity

Mr. Key is the founder and president of Trans Families, an organization that provides online support to families of gender diverse children across the nation. Mr. Key, the principal trainer at Gender Diversity, has served as a consultant to hundreds of K-12 schools and other youth-based agencies across the US. He has provided districts with training, strategic planning, policy development, and staff, parent, and student education.

Mr. Key is the co-author of “Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: Children” (Oxford University Press, 1st and 2nd editions) and “Gender Cognition in Transgender Children” (Psychological Science). Past speaking and keynote engagements include: the Children’s Justice Conference; the National Women’s Judges Conference; the Adolescent Medicine Conference; and the University of Alaska’s 1st Power & Privilege conference. He is currently authoring a book, “Trans Children in Today’s Schools” (Oxford University Press, expected publication date, late 2022).

The Greater Seattle Business Association honored Mr. Key as the Humanitarian of the Year in 2017. The Pride Foundation, Ingersoll Gender Center, Chicago Black Pride, and Seattle Out and Proud have praised his work as well. He has often been featured in the national media. Appearances have included the Oprah Winfrey Show, NPR’s Diane Rehm Show, Al Jazeera America, Larry King Live, and Fresh Air with Terry Gross. More recently, Mr. Key was selected as one of Seattle magazine’s 2019 Most Influential People of the Year.

Andrew A. Ortiz (he/him)



Legal Services Staff Attorney

Transgender Law Center's Legal Services Project

Mr. Ortiz is a Staff Attorney for the Transgender Law Center's (TLC) Legal Services Project. He works to create queer, liberatory futures. TLC's Legal Services Project aims to provide direct support to transgender people and advocates for transgender liberation and their communities. Some of the support provided includes TLC's Legal Information Helpdesk and TLC's Prison Mail Response. These provide legal information and referrals to transgender people across the country. The Legal Services Project also works to create publicly available 'know your rights' and legal information resources based on community needs.

Prior to joining TLC, he was a senior staff attorney in the LGBTQ/HIV Advocacy Project at Brooklyn Legal Services. His primary practice areas included eviction defense, public benefits, housing, employment discrimination, and immigration.

During law school, he was on the steering committee of Trans Legal Advocates of Washington and volunteered at its community legal clinics. Prior to law school, he served as an Urban Youth Development Volunteer with the Peace Corps in Paraguay. He also worked as a counselor at a job training program for youth in north Texas.

Mr. Ortiz is a proud graduate of Howard University School of Law.

Nikki Easterday (they/them)



Staff Attorney, Trans Health Project

Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund

Mx. Easterday is a Staff Attorney with the Trans Health Project at the Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund. Mx. Easterday has significant experience contesting health insurance denials of gender-affirming care.

Previously, Mx. Easterday worked as a Health Attorney with Community Health Advocates and Community Health Access to Addiction and Mental Healthcare Project. In these settings, they advocated for access to health care and challenged discriminatory health care policies. Mx. Easterday also assisted with the federal implementation of the Affordable Care Act as a research associate with George Washington University. Their focus here was on anti-discrimination provisions.

Mx. Easterday is a graduate of City University of New York, School of Law and University of California, San Diego.

Oliva Hunt (she/her)



Policy Director

National Center for Transgender Equality/NCTE Action Fund

Ms. Hunt is Senior Policy Counsel at the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE). This organization advocates to change policies and society to increase understanding and acceptance of transgender people. She works with state and national coalition partners and government officials to craft policies on issues affecting transgender people, primarily focusing on identity documents and privacy.

In 2015 and 2016, she served as an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow at Whitman-Walker Health in Washington, DC. In this capacity, she oversaw the name and gender marker change program that serves transgender clients throughout DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Prior to joining NCTE, she was also in-house counsel to a biotechnology company in Bethesda, Maryland. She has worked in the fields of international election law and municipal law.

She received her undergraduate degrees in International Relations and Japanese Language and Culture from Michigan State University. Ms. Hunt received her law degree from the College of William & Mary, where she served as an editor on the Law Review.

Aimée Olivera Sanchez, LCSW (she/her)



***OATP Senior Social Worker and LGBTQ+ Veteran Care Coordinator
VA Maryland Health Care System***

Ms. Olivera Sanchez is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for VAMHCS. Here she is a counselor in the Opioid Agonist Treatment Program (OATP). In 2021, she was appointed to the role of LGBTQ+ VCC for VAMHCS. She serves as an Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Champion on the Women's Veterans Health Committee and the VAMHCS Social Work Anti-Racism subcommittee.

She has worked in homeless outreach for both the VAMHCS and for VA Pacific Islands in Honolulu, Hawai'i. She has also previously worked as a S.A.V.E. Veteran Suicide Prevention trainer and as a liaison to multiple community Continuum of Care Homeless Service councils. Recently she collaborated on a national taskforce to create the LGBTQ+ VCC Orientation Guide. Prior to beginning her VA career in 2015, she worked with families and children in various areas of concern. This included family preservation, sexual assault treatment and prevention, and school social work.

Ms. Olivera Sanchez received a Bachelors of Arts in Women's Studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She began her Social Work graduate studies at Savannah State University before earning her Masters in Social Work at the University of Washington, Tacoma. She is trained as an Our Whole Lives sexual health educator. Other training includes trauma informed 12 step programming, Motivational Interviewing, Consensus process organizing, and Reclaiming Tradition techniques of energy work and creating safe spaces. Last but certainly not least, she strives to include considerations of racial, gendered, and economic inequality as a lens in all her work, believing that no one has justice until everyone has justice.